

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1922 - SB 2107

March 16, 2016

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Removes the requirement that a pet be “domesticated”, in addition to being normally maintained in or near the household of its owner as is currently required, in determining whether a pet is covered by policy for pet insurance. This act shall apply to policies entered into or renewed on or after the effective date of the bill, which is July 1, 2016.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

IMPACT TO COMMERCE OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (014298): Deletes all language in the original bill. Creates a task force to recommend legislative solutions to protect consumers from balance billing by healthcare providers. This task force shall be comprised of four legislative members and fourteen non-legislative members, for a total of eighteen members. This proposed legislation specifically prohibits legislative members from receiving compensation, per diem, or travel reimbursement incurred while performing official duties of the task force. This act shall take effect upon becoming law. This task force shall cease to exist on December 31, 2016.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$1,400/Per Meeting of the Task Force

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The number of meetings held by this task force is unknown.
- The legislative members will received an expense allowance (per diem) of \$204 and travel expenses of \$139.59, or a total of \$343.59 per member per meeting.
- Non-legislative members will serve on the task force without compensation, per diem or travel reimbursement.
- An increase in state expenditures of \$1,374 per meeting (4 members x \$343.59).

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IMPACT TO COMMERCE WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumption for the bill as amended:

- This proposed legislation will have no significant impact on commerce or jobs in this state.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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